

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Manmade and natural disasters have brought distress and suffering to the people of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross was called to assist during three disasters in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, During the Custer State Park Forest Fire, the wind storms in Shannon and Todd Counties and the Westberry Trail Forest Fire over \$168,000 was spent by the American Red Cross for disaster relief; and,

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is designated by the Congress of the United States in Public Law 4, 58th Congress, January 5, 1905 (33 Stat. 599, as amended: 36 U.S.C. 1) as a voluntary agency responsible for disaster relief; and,

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross is already extending, on a grant basis, assistance to those in need in South Dakota in this grave hour of emergency and will continue providing this assistance in coordination with other private organizations and government disaster recovery agencies; and,

WHEREAS, A statewide Disaster Fund Drive has been established to help replenish funds expended by the American Red Cross in recent disaster relief operations in South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby recognize the American Red Cross as the agency to meet the immediate human needs of individuals and families affected by the disaster, and urge that all citizens and agencies, both public and private, in South Dakota give the American Red Cross their full support and cooperation; and,

FURTHER, I urge all individuals, groups, and organizations, wherever located, desiring to make contributions for the relief of disaster victims, send their contributions to the local Red Cross chapter. All such donations will be used by the Red Cross in the humane task of providing assistance to our people who have disaster-caused needs.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Royce Hazeltine
ROYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE